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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTER AND BERGMANN)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED STUDENTS

REF: STATE 122435; BEYER-COOTE TELECON OF MAY 27

1. THIS WILL CONFIRM DISCUSSION REF TELECON.

DEPT. SUGGESTS THAT AMBASSADOR MAKE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOW-
ING LINES AT HIS MAY 27 PRESS CONFERENCE:

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QUOTE: THE U.S. AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS MAINTAIN A DEEP HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE ABDUCTED LAST WEEK AND ARE STILL BEING HELD CAPTIVE. REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEIR PARENTS, WHO ARE IN OR ON THEIR WAY TO TANZANIA, AND WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF TANZANIA AND ZAIRE IN EXPLORING WAYS TO SECURE THEIR SAFE RELEASE. WE STRONGLY URGE THE ABDUCTORS TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR WHICH MANKIND AND HISTORY WILL CONDEMN THEM. UNQUOTE

2. HOPEFULLY DUTCH AMBASSADOR WILL ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH SUCH A STATEMENT.

3. YOU SHOULD URGE GOT TO BROADCAST STATEMENT OVER RADIO SO THAT IT GETS TO CAPTORS SOONEST. REQUEST INFORM DEPT. AND KINSHASA TEXT OF WHATEVER STATEMENT IS MADE SO THAT IT CAN BE USED HERE, INCLUDING BY VOA, AND TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY KINSHASA TO GOZ.

4. DEPT REMAINS EXTREMELY CONCERNED AT STEADFAST REFUSAL OF NYERERE TO PERMIT STATEMENT BY GOT SPOKESMAN AT ANY LEVEL EXPRESSING HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR SAFETY AND WELFARE OF STUDENTS STILL BEING HELD CAPTIVE. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO DATE TO OBTAIN SUCH STATEMENT, AND REQUEST THAT IT CONTINUE TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES TO CONVINCE GOT OF IMPORTANCE ITS MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT. INGERSOLL

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